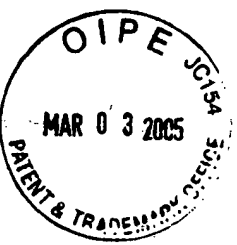


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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING A CONDUIT
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, please amend the application as set forth hereinafter.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 12.